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Dear Mr. Ford:

The Senate Select Committee on Intelligence currently is undertaking a series of briefings on the Administration's "Regional Security Policy" and the implications for the work of the Intelligence Community.

The outlines of the policies articulated by Secretary Shultz and President Reagan, characterized in the press as the "Reagan Doctrine," have comprised not only the support of anti-communist insurgencies, but also economic and security assistance to friendly democratic governments, and support for those working for freedom in communist states.

It is our intention to examine what intelligence support will be required for this policy and its application on a regional basis -- whether in intelligence analysis, or in some instances, covert action. We will examine what increased burdens the policy will place on the National Security apparatus, and what steps the Intelligence Community anticipates taking in response to increased demands.

Thursday, July 19, we will focus on the East Asia/Pacific region with particular emphasis on the Philippines. It is five months since the Aquino government came to power. The economic situation is extremely precarious, the Communist insurgency remains very active. The political leadership appears divided and unsettled, and the prospects for American bases at Clark and Subic are uncertain.

The briefings will be provided by yourself, Ambassador Frank McNeil of the State Department, and Admiral Ted Baker of the Defense Department. [redacted] of the Intelligence Community staff will be present to answer questions.

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From CIA, we would like a review of the political, economic, and internal security situation in the Philippines according to current intelligence. From the State Department we would need a description of U.S. policy objectives toward

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the Philippines including the regional context for that policy, and a presentation of current and planned programs of political and economic support for the Aquino government. The State Department briefing should also analyze current and prospective requirements for intelligence support of the policies described above.

The Defense Department should outline U.S. policy and programs regarding assistance to the Philippine Armed Forces, including counterinsurgency programs and support for military reform. The Defense Department briefing should also assess the future of Clark Field and Subic Bay bases and the status of contingency planning to prepare for their possible loss.

We look forward to hearing your perspective on the intelligence requirements to support current and future U.S. policy toward the Philippines.

Sincerely,

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